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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Modify Tri-Service Interactive Electronic Technical Manual (IETM)
Technology Working Group Charter to Incorporate Goals of Joint Commanders Group for
Communications Electronics (JCG-CE) Electronic Technical Publications Panel

1. The transmission of digital data within the services is quickly becoming the dominant medium for communicating and accessing technical information needed to maintain DoD field operations. Each of our services has ongoing efforts to convert paper-based technical documentation into digital format. Since this data is needed to sustain war-fighting capability in joint operations, a uniform approach must be developed for acquiring and viewing this data. This facilitates an interoperable requirement by ensuring that, regardless of the source, the data can be read and viewed by a common user interface system and be accessible from a uniform electronic technical library interface. A common process for managing and deploying digital data will leverage our resources in the most effective and efficient manner.

2. The JCG-CE is comprised of flag officers and civilian equivalents from the services and joint agencies. In October 1996, the JCG-CE established the Electronic Technical Publications (ETP) Panel with the following goals:

a. Develop a uniform approach for electronically communicating and accessing technical data throughout DoD.

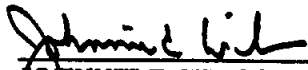
b. Maximize the use of commercial off-the-shelf technology in the process.

c. Develop a common user/information interface for field delivery systems.

3. We are aware of the Tri-Service IETM Technology Working Group that your CALS Office has chartered. In fact, the JCG-CE ETP Panel has been coordinating informally with them and has proposed that the two groups work together in achieving these goals. This collaborative effort will ensure visibility of key technical issues to the JCG-CE for a non-partisan resolution. Accordingly, we request that you modify the Tri-Service IETM Technology Working Group's charter to include the JCG-CE goals. They will sponsor these goals and work with your group to accelerate their accomplishment. This is an opportunity to benchmark savings and enhancements for DoD in ETM development costs, ETM maintenance and update costs, information recovery speed, ease of information access and enhanced joint operations.

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4. The point of contact for this action is Mr. James Barbarello, Chairman, JCG-CE ETP Panel, U.S.
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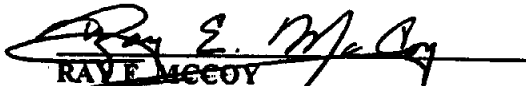
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